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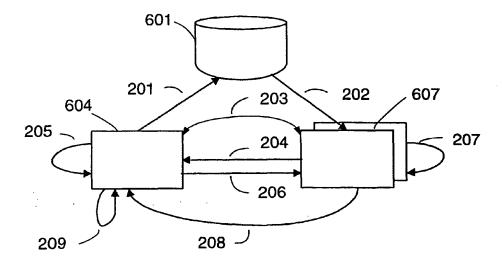
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(54) Title: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR POLICY-BASED CONTROL IN A DISTRIBUTED NETWORK



(57) Abstract: A method and a system is disclosed for policy-based control of a communication network having a distributed architecture, including at least one heterogeneous communication network, which network elements provide for registering events, sending notifications of the occurrence of events and enforcing a policy upon said events if certain conditions are met, wherein the PEP 604 serves as a server towards a PDP 607, being a client. By applying the method and system of the invention, multiple Stakeholders, having each at least one Policy Decision Point 607, can influence policy enforcements carried out at a Policy Enforcement Point 604.